



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: **Li How Chen et al**

Art Unit No.: **1635**

Application No.: **09/175,683**

Examiner: **Richard A. Schnizer**

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For: **NOVEL MODIFIED NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES AND METHODS FOR  
INCREASING mRNA LEVELS AND PROTEIN EXPRESSION IN CELL  
SYSTEMS**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 13, 2004. A Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time Request being filed herewith this Amendment is timely filed. Please amend the application as follows:

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I hereby certify that under 37 CFR §1.10 that this correspondence is being deposited on September 24, 2004 with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail Post Office to Addressee with sufficient postage in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

  
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